(a) did Mr. K. Narayana Menon, the present Registrar, who was then the Inspector of Co operative Societies, actually audit the accounts of the Pangamukku and Porkulam Societies in 1107;

(b) did he in the year 1107 submit any audit report regarding any society without actually and in fact auditing the accounts of these societies;

(c) will the Government be pleased to get a report or statement from the Secretary of the Kunnamkulam Union Society as to what really took place in that year?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) In view of answers to (a) and (b), no report is necessary.

Pay of Panchayat Clerks.

199. **Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar.**—Will the Government be pleased to State:—

(a) the number of Panchayat clerks in the State service with their individual service and pay;

(b) are there any new appointments made recently on a higher pay;

(c) the number of such appointments;

(d) do they know that there are many clerks in the department who have put in services for large number of years;

(e) the reason for not increasing their pay;

(f) do they know that they are very lowly paid;

(g) are there any proposals made to the Government to increase their pay and make their service pensionable, they being full-time officers;

(h) are the qualified clerks eligible to hold appointments in the Head Office when vacancy arises;

(i) are there any such appointments made; if the answer is in the affirmative, will a list of such appointments be furnished?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:—(a) 34. A list showing their individual service, pay, etc., is appended. *(Appendix IV).*

(b) If the Member refers to the appointments made in the Panchayat Courts in 1110, the answer is in the affirmative.

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(c) 8 clerks on Rs. 15 for the 8 newly opened Panchayat Courts.

(d) Yes.

(e) For want of funds.

(f) Yes.

(g) Yes, the question of revising the pay of these clerks is under consideration. The existing rules do not allow to count their services as pensionable, but as a compensation for it, the Government is considering the question of introducing a system of contributory provident fund, for these people.

(h) Yes.

(i) Yes, one V. Achyuta Menon, B. A., copyist, Oorakam Panchayat, has been taken to the Head Office.

Duties of Panchayats.

200. **Mr. M. A. Sankunni.**—With reference to Question No. 119 (c) of the last Budget Session, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what are these local affairs referred to;

(b) do they comprise both criminal and civil affairs; if so, how far?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—(a) The Hon'ble Member's attention is drawn to the 'Preamble' of the Village Panchayat Regulation, V of 1089, where the local affairs the Panchayats have to attend to are given in detail.

(b) The Panchayat Courts have no criminal jurisdiction but only civil as provided in section 20 and other sections of the Village Panchayat Regulation V of 1089 as amended up-to-date.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Hon'ble Member for Public Health kindly inform the House how many of our Panchayats yet remain to be vested with civil powers?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—53.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Have the Government any idea of investing any more Panchayats with civil powers?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—It is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar—Are they going to be vested with criminal powers also?

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APPENDIX. IV.

List showing the individual service, pay, etc., of the Panchayat clerks.

Serial No.	Name of Panchayat	Names of clerks	Date of appointment	Extent of service till 1—4—1111	Present pay Rs.	Qualifications
1	Amballur	M. Sankara Menon	27— 9—95	15— 6 —4	14	Completed the Intermediate course
2	Anthikkad	M. P. Govinda Pisharodi	15—11—96	14— 4—16	14	Nil
3	Aiylur	A G. Rama-swami Ayyar	15— 1—07	4— 2 — 16	14	Completed the Intermediate course
4	Chalakkudi	E Kittunni Menon	13—12—95	15— 3—18	15	Trained in Irinjalakkuda Munsiff's Court
5	Chelakkara	A. Gopala Menon	1—12—92	18— 4— 0	14	School Final failed
6	Chenna-mangalam	K. Kochugo-vinda Menon	21—10—96	14— 5—10	15	IV Form passed
7	Cheranellur	N. Kumara Menon	1— 4—10	1— 0— 0	14	S. S. L. C.
8	Chevoor	P. Narayana Menon	5— 2—02	9— 1—26	14	III Form passed
9	Choondal	V. K. Raman-kutty Menon	1— 4—11	1— 0— 0	14	S. S. L. C.
10	Kaiparamba	T. I. Imbachu Ezhuthassan	6 —10—01	9— 5—25	14	Nil
11	Kallur-Thekkum-muri	P. C. Paul	1— 4 - 10	1— 0— 0	14	S. S. L. C.
12	Kattakam-pal	C. V. Iyyakku	21— 5—07	3—10—10	14	V Form failed
13	Kattur	E. K. Raman Menon	1—12—94	16— 4— 0	14	III Form passed
14	Kodakara	B. T. Verghese	1— 4—10	1— 0 —0	14	S. S. L. C.
15	Kurkancheri	A. Krishna Warriar	8—12—95	8— 2—22	14	I Form passed
16	Manalur	T. L. Pavunni	1— 4—10	1— 0 - 0	14	S. S. L. C.
17	Mulan-thuruthi	P. C. John	1— 1 —98	13— 3— 0	14	IV Form passed

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APPENDIX IV—*(contd.)*

Serial No.	Name of Panchayat	Names of clerks	Date of appointment	Extent of service till 1—4—1111	Present pay Rs.	Qualifications
18	Nallepilly	V. Chamukutty Menon	1— 3—00	11— 1— 0	14	IV Form failed
19	Narakkal	M.V. Poulose	1— 4—10	1— 0— 0	14	S. S. L. C.
20	Nemmara	N. S. Anantha-krishna Ayyar	1—11—06	5— 3— 0	14	do
21	Oorakam	V. S. Venkita-chala Ayyar	1—12—94	16— 4— 0	14	Matriculation failed
22	Panjal	K. Kesavan Nayar	1— 8—02	8— 8— 0	14	I Form passed
23	Parappuk-kara	A. Kesava Menon	1—11—92	18— 5— 0	14	IV Form passed
24	Pattancheri	N. Velukutty Nayar	8—12—95	15— 3—25	14	V Form
25	Pazhayan-nur	C. Narayana Menon	1—12—94	16— 4— 0	14	IV Form
26	Poyya	K. C. Joseph	1— 4—10	1— 0— 0	14	Intermediate course
27	Thiruvan-kulam	C. Neelakanta Kurup	16— 8—99	11— 7—15	15	IV Form
28	Thiruvillua-mala	V. K. Nara-yanan Nayar	16— 3—95	16— 0—15	14	...
29	Trikkur	K. Sankunni Nambidi	1—12—94	16— 4— 0	14	IV Form
30	Vellarappalli	N. Kittunni Menon	18— 5—05	5—10—13	15	No qualification
31	Peringottu-kara	P. Kunju Kaimal	8— 1—98	13— 2—23	15	III Form
32	Chiraman-gad	N. Madhava Menon	10— 5—99	11—10—21	15	Incomplete School Final
33	Kuzhuppilli	T. Kunjunny Menon	1— 6—04	6—10— 0	15	III Form failed
34	Kumbalan-ghy	K. I. Joseph	1— 4—10	1— 0— 0	15	Intermediate course

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